



TALK OF THE TOWN

Town of Hillsborough Newsletter: October 2021

New Responsibilities for Familiar Faces in Town Offices

Some town offices recently underwent organizational restructuring. The town's five departments are as follows:

- Administrative Services
- Community Services
- Financial Services (includes Utility Billing)
- Police
- Utilities

The featured employees have taken on additional responsibilities and have new titles.



Human Resources Manager Haley Bizzell has worked for the town for 3 years, recently serving as interim human resources director. She leads the Human Resources Division. Duties include diversity, equity and inclusion; employee benefits, engagement, recognition and training; and policy development.

Planning and Economic Development Manager Shannan Campbell served as the town's economic development planner for 6 years. She now oversees the town's planning functions. She continues to manage the tourism program and economic development strategies and initiatives.



Administrative Services Director Jen Della Valle has worked in town administration for 7 years. She leads and manages Hillsborough's administrative services and operations including these offices and divisions: Budget, Fleet Maintenance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Public Information, Safety and Risk Management, and Town Clerk.



Assistant Town Manager and Community Services Director Margaret Hauth has worked for the town for more than 30 years. In her new position, she supervises and supports these divisions: Planning and Economic Development, Public Space and Sustainability, Public Works, and Stormwater and Environmental Services.



Public Works Manager Dustin Hill has worked for the town for 15 years. Most recently he served as the public works supervisor. In his new position, he manages the operations and maintenance of streets, sanitation, town cemeteries, storm drainage and ground maintenance.

Town Clerk and Human Resources Technician Sarah Kimrey has 15 years of experience with the town. She recently served as the interim town clerk. She maintains town records, prepares Board of Commissioners agenda packets, ensures that the board is following operational processes, and more.



Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood has 15 years of experience with the town. She oversees the Public Space Division and manages transportation and connectivity projects and other development projects and plans. She coordinates, implements and tracks climate and sustainability initiatives.



Volunteers Needed to Remove Invasive Plants

Several invasive plant species are taking hold in our public spaces. You may have noticed an abundance of Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*) and Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) growing along the banks of the Eno River.

If you are interested in volunteering to help reduce invasive plants in public spaces, Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood would love to hear from you. Please email her at stephanie.trueblood@hillsboroughnc.gov.



Fire Prevention Week Is Oct. 3-9

Orange Rural Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety." The following are key reminders about smoke detectors:

- A continuous set of three loud beeps means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1 and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm unit must be replaced.
- The smoke detector and carbon dioxide alarms should meet the needs of your household, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.



Water and Sewer Easements Reminder



Water and sewer easements may look like cleared paths that lead nowhere, but they grant the Utilities Department the right to access, maintain, repair or replace a town asset, such as a water or sewer main.

The town will not replace any plants, fences, sheds, fountains, patios, decks or other structures that impede access to the easement and maintenance of the infrastructure.

The town is responsible for clearing brush and undergrowth from the easements annually.

This includes clearing trees and bushes to keep the easements accessible for routine maintenance and emergency response.

Water-related emergencies such as water line breaks can be reported to the Water Treatment Plant day or night at 919-732-3621.

Updates

Early Voting — Early voting is available Oct. 14-30 at Orange Works at Hillsborough Commons, 113 Mayo St. and at three locations in Carrboro and Chapel Hill. On

Election Day, Nov. 2, vote at assigned precincts. Hillsborough residents can vote for two candidates to serve on the Hillsborough

Board of Commissioners. Mayor Jenn Weaver is unopposed for a second term as mayor. For more information, see www.orangecountync.gov/Elect.



Community Survey — The biennial Community Survey for in-town residents will arrive in mailboxes by late October or early November. Complete the paper survey and return it in the included prepaid envelope, or use the URL provided in the cover letter to complete the survey online. The letter also includes a phone number to call to complete the survey in Spanish. Completing the survey helps town staff and elected officials know what is working well or needs improvement. This survey is separate from the Community Visioning Survey.

New Design Guidelines — The new Historic District Design Guidelines went into effect Sept. 3. See the town website.

Sign up for OC Alerts — The town issues emergency notifications through [OC Alerts](#), Orange County's mass notification system. Sign up via the town's home page.

Community Visioning Survey — For survey results and updates on the Comprehensive Sustainability Plan process, visit www.hillsboroughnc.gov/sustainability.

